



Hello and welcome to the Bramblings Class. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are now ready for the new school term. The learning team that will be working with your child this year will be myself; Miss Tyers (Class Teacher), Mr. Playdon (School Direct Teacher), Mrs. Corah (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Romero (Spanish teacher). We have really enjoyed getting to know your child during the beginning of this new academic year, and we have been so pleased with how all of the children have settled in to their new class.

Topic

Our topic for this term is The Romans. We will be learning about life in Britain before, during and after the Roman invasion. We will have a specific focus on the Roman army and why/how they became so powerful. As well as this, we will develop an understanding of how the Celts felt when the Romans invaded and what they did to try to prevent their country from being conquered (key focus on Boudicca). We are going to visit Mansfield Museum to support our learning in this topic.



Homework and Spellings

The children will be given spellings and homework each Friday. We encourage the children to bring the homework back early the following week to earn a credit. If a child's homework is not in school by the following Friday, then they will miss their playtime to complete it. Homework will consist of a piece of written, creative work or online work.



Reading at home

At Kingsway we value the importance of reading. Reading underpins everything your child will be doing in year 3 and 4. The children have had a reading book sent home which they are responsible for changing when necessary. Children must not only be able to read the words in their books but must also be able to comprehend what they are reading. It is vital that your child continues to read on a daily basis. I would ask that you encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes a day as this will significantly improve the outcomes for your child at school. Even if you cannot hear your child read, encouraging them to read will help. Each week the children will take part in Guided Reading sessions where they will complete a variety of activities. One of these activities will be to read with the teacher.



Swimming

Bramblings class began swimming at Hucknall Leisure Centre on Thursday 15th September 2016. We shall attend swimming lessons each Thursday morning, our last session is 17th November 2016. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit each Thursday.



PE Kit

At the moment we have P.E. on a Thursday afternoon with our PE coach called Grant. However, we may do PE on different days (sometimes dependent on the weather) so it would therefore be useful if the children could continue to bring their P.E. kit in on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday.



Jewellery

We have a policy of no jewellery with the exception of a watch and small earrings. Please note that for health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons and swimming. Therefore, it may be better not to wear any jewellery on P.E. days.



